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## **POSTAL FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS WILL HELP THE MACOMB FOOD PROGRAM FEED THE HUNGRY**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The 13th annual National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and U.S. Postal Service Food Drive is coming to Macomb County mailboxes soon.

In Macomb County, and throughout the country, postal workers will collect non-perishable food items placed by mailboxes on Saturday, May 14. Much of the food collected in Macomb County is distributed to those in need through the Macomb Food Program's 52 pantry distribution sites.

The food drive is a critical event for the Macomb Food Program. Each year food donations collected during this event provide emergency food supplies for thousands of hungry families and individuals in Macomb County. More than 67,000 people in Macomb County were helped with emergency food in the 2004 fiscal year.

The Macomb Food Program encourages the community to support the letter carriers in their drive to help feed the hungry. All residents need to do to participate is leave non-perishable food items near their mailboxes before their letter carriers arrive on the day of the collection.

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This event is the nation's largest one-day effort to combat hunger. Nationwide partners include NALC, the Postal Service, Campbell's Soup Co., America's Second Harvest, the AFL-CIO, Valpak, and the United Way.

A joint-organization/tri-county news conference will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufait, Detroit. Additional information is available at the NALC website: [www.nacl.org](http://www.nacl.org).

### **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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